

**City of Lynnwood
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
July 24, 2008**

Commissioners Present:	Staff Present:
Richard Wright, Chair	Shay Davidson, Administrative Assistant
Elisa Elliott, First Vice-chair	Kevin Garrett, Planning Manager
Maria Ambalada	
Michael Wojack, Second Vice-chair	
Commissioners Absent:	Other:
Tia Peycheff	Councilmember Ted Hikel (arrived late)
Jeff Davies	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wright at 7:02 p.m.

Interview Commissioner Applicant

1. Interview Planning Commissioner applicant Bob Larsen.

Mr. Larsen introduced himself and reviewed his experience as a professional planner with the City of Everett, and City of Arlington and DOE, as well as his current volunteer work with the City of Lynnwood on the Visioning Statement Project. This was followed by a question and answer period.

Approval of Minutes

1. Meeting of July 10, 2008

Motion made by Commissioner Ambalada, seconded by Commissioner Elliott, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 2-0 with Chair Wright and Commissioner Wojack abstaining.

Council Liaison Report

None.

Citizen Comments

Ron Sather, 6211 Dale Way, Lynnwood, member of the Historical Commission, spoke in support of the Comprehensive Plan amendment changes for on the Culture and Historical Resource Elements.

Public Hearings

1. 2008 Comp Plan Amendments - The Planning Commission will receive public comments on all 13 proposed amendments that are under consideration as part of this year's annual amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (2008 Docket). Action by the commission on each proposal is scheduled for July 24.

Chair Wright and Commissioner Wojack declared that they both reviewed the recording of the meeting last week and read all of the material.

Planning Manager Kevin Garrett distributed updated materials and reviewed changes to the Highway 99 Corridor Amendment for the Land Use Element. He explained that in addition to applying the Highway 99 Corridor land use designation to all properties with commercial designations along Highway 99, staff is now recommending that the designation be applied to industrial properties in the southernmost portion of Highway 99 and the Litten industrial property on the east side of Highway 99 between 202nd and 204th. He also explained that the Highway 99 study looked at a hotdog-shaped section about ¼ mile on either side of Highway 99. Staff is recommending indicating on the map that this area will be reviewed and the land use changes could will be recommended on by the sub-area plan in the "larger" corridor area. He discussed staff amendments to page 2 of the proposed text amendment regarding lot coverage and building heights.

The public hearing was opened at 7:41 p.m. and public comment was solicited.

Public Comment:

Marie Little, 17015 44th Avenue West, Lynnwood, member of Lynnwood Historical Commission, spoke in support of the amendment regarding historic resources. She stressed the importance of public education.

Seeing no further testimony, the public hearing was closed at 7:46 p.m.

Commissioner Comments and Question:

Commissioner Wojack asked if the Planning Commission would be determining the exact width of the sub-area plan area (parcel by parcel) referred to by Mr. Garrett. Mr. Garrett replied that they were not; the subarea plan would determine where in the corridor new land use designations would be proposed.

Chair Wright stated that the Transportation Plan has a wonderful historical reference description of Community Transit and Public public Transit transit in South Snohomish County. He pointed out a typo on the section regarding MUGA boundaries of Lake Stickney and Edmonds.

Motion made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Wojack, to make a recommendation to the City Council to approve the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments as drafted and as recommended by staff. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Planning Manager Garrett explained that the Land Use Plan for the MUGA and the Sustainability Element would be ready for the Planning Commission in August. He reviewed staff's schedule for handling these.

Chair Wright asked about issues with the County regarding the size of annexation areas. Planning Manager Garrett replied that some things issues appear to have been resolved. The City has been working on an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County to address some issues related to transitional services. Other issues related to the boundary/size of annexation areas may need to be addressed through the Boundary Review Board.

Work Sessions

None.

Other Business

Motion made by Commissioner Wojack, seconded by Commissioner Elliott, to recommend Bob Larsen to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Director's Report & Information

1. Update on Annexation Project

Planning Manager Garrett gave an update on the annexation project.

2. Upcoming Commission Meetings

- August 14 – Work Session on MUGA Land Use and Sustainability Element.
- August 28 – Public Hearing.
- September 15 (Monday) – City Council Work Session on Annexation.

3. Other

Staff is getting close to hiring a new code enforcement officer for the Community Development Dept.

Sound Transit Board voted to put a measure before the voters in November to expand their system. This would bring light rail to the Lynnwood Transit Center by 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Elliott to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Richard Wright, Chair